



St Robert of Newminster Parish, Morpeth

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	Masses and Services This Week		
Sunday 21 st February	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 12.15pm Baptism 6:00pm Mass	Frank & Barbara Bowey George Armstrong Alastair Matthew Swift John Devitt	2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday 22 nd February	9:15am Mass	Special Intention (MB)	Chair of St Peter
Tuesday 23 rd February	8.40am Exposition 9:15am Mass	No Intention	Weekday of Lent
Wednesday 24 th February	9:15am Mass 9.45am – 10.15am Exposition	No Intention	Weekday of Lent
Thursday 25 th February	8.40am Exposition 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	No Intention	Weekday of Lent
Friday 26 th February	9:15am Mass	No Intention	Weekday of Lent
Saturday 27 th February	10:00am Mass 10.30am Stations of the Cross Confessions 11am - Noon	Stasia Iwaszko	Weekday of Lent
Sunday 28 th February	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	People of the Parish Pat McGurk Special Intention Cole Family	3rd Sunday of Lent

Ministries for Sunday 28 th February 2016 – 3 rd Sunday of Lent			
Mass	9:00am	11:00am	6:00pm
Readers	M Murray, A Gorman	D Shearer, B Cudd	T Edwards, C Reardon
Extraordinary Ministers	D Dewar, M Dewar, A Donaldson	G Davison, A Dawes, E Dixon	B Cole, L Cole, A Smith
Altar Servers	E Walker-Barras; Anna S	P Glancey	P Smith; J Dowd
Children's Liturgists	Leader: Claire	Companion: Sarah	

Tea and Coffee: is served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. A very special welcome to any visitors to Morpeth this weekend.

Parish newsletter: - items for the newsletter can be emailed to Marian marian@marianbell.f2s.com or emailed to morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 12pm on a Thursday.

Last Sunday's Offering: Average Standing Orders £467. Offertory collection £948.75. Thank you

First Holy Communion Preparation: Meeting on Thursday 25th at 3.30pm in the Church Hall and Mass on Sunday 28th at 9am will include a Liturgy for the children on Baptism.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed every Saturday morning at 9.40am.

Bible Sharing Group: This group meets on a Tuesday from 1pm-2pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

Prayer Group Meeting: Next meeting Prayer Group will meet again on Tuesday 23rd Feb at 6:45 pm to continue our exploration of different ways to pray the Rosary

CWL: The next meeting will be at 7:00pm, on Monday 22nd February, in the Church. There will be a talk on the statues in St Robert's Church, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Programme for Lent A full programme for Lent has been printed, outlining what is happening in both St Robert's and St Bede's, Bedlington for the six weeks of Lent. Copies of these are now available at the back of Church.

Stations of the Cross: will be celebrated on a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning during Lent at St Robert's. If anyone wishes to lead, please sign up on notice.

Friday Soup Lunches: Each Friday during Lent, we are having Soup Lunches on a Friday at 12 noon, the proceeds of which will go towards the work of CAFOD in Syria. If you can help with the soup lunches, please sign your name on the Rota in the Church porch.

A New Loop Amplifier has been installed and hopefully has made a big difference to those who use hearing aids...Fr Peter will welcome feedback.

'Life Teen Group': The last session with Andrew O'Neill will be on Sunday 28th February. Andrew and Aimee are then moving away to Bournemouth in March. We take this opportunity to thank them for their work and enthusiasm over the time they have been here.

Men's Breakfast: Calling all men! The next meeting is on 5th March, 9.30am - 10.40am in the Church Hall. We continue the exploration of the male spiritual journey. This session will focus on Fatherhood, its experience and impact. All male parishioners are welcome to join us for bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and structured presentation and discussion. Please take a flyer from the rear of Church and sign up on the adjacent list (to assist catering)

Headteacher Vacancy: St Robert's First School is seeking to appoint a new Headteacher for beginning in September. The advert and all documents are available on the school website <http://www.st-roberts.northumberland.sch.uk> or on the diocesan Education Service Website. Applications close at 12noon on Friday 26th February.

Ofsted Inspection: As you may be aware, our School underwent an Ofsted Inspection, with less than 24 hours' notice, during the last week before the half term holidays. While we await the final findings of the Inspectors, we take this opportunity to thank all our Staff for their hard work, time and energy into making our school a good place to be. Thanks also to all our Governors and especially our Foundation Governors who, on behalf of Bishop Seamus, are asked to uphold the Catholic ethos of the school in all they say and do and in all decisions they make, for and on behalf of the school community. We thank and congratulate all the children for the gifts they bring into our school community.

Deanery Workshop to be held at St Aidan's Ashington on Saturday 27th Feb. starting at 12:30pm. We need YOUR help to assemble 3,000 mother day gifts that will be sent to all parishes in our deanery for blessing and handing out on Mother's Day 6th March. Everyone welcome including the young and young at heart. You are welcome to bring something for the shared table however, tea, coffee and juice will be provided

SVP National Raffle: Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be available after Mass for the next few weeks, price 50p per ticket. Prizes of £3000, £2000, £1000 and 20 other cash prizes. The money raised goes towards supporting the SVP Special Works such as Blackfriars House, resettlement of offenders etc. See poster in Church porch.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Mercy, takes place from Friday 29th July – Friday 5th August flying direct from Newcastle Airport. Posters, Booking Forms and all information is available on the Diocesan webpage and the pilgrimage webpage www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

The pilgrimage has places available for sick pilgrims who require Nursing Care, a Jumbulance is available for overland travel for those unable to fly; there is a youth section for all aged 16 – 25 (special price of £499) and there are booking forms for all the hotel pilgrims who wish to travel. Booking Forms and further information also available from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Pilgrimage Director Fr Peter Stott 01670 513 410.

Christian Aid Spring Evening will be on Saturday 19th March at 7pm in the Methodist Hall. This year the talk will be about the Philippines, one of the theme countries for this year's Christian Aid Week. The evening includes a Filipino style meal, all for only £7! Tickets available from Gerry Harber.

The Source: The Source is a monthly meeting for our young people from across the diocese. Run by YMT and held at St Mary's Cathedral on the first Wednesday of the month it is a time for prayer and worship, geared towards young people. There is a Deanery bus that goes every month, providing free transport there and back. We encourage our young people to attend ... and if anyone is interested and wants to go, let Fr. Peter know and he will contact the people who make the arrangements.

Women's World Day of Prayer: The Service this year will be held at St James Church on 4th March at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. Service prepared by Christian Women of Cuba theme Receive Children Receive me. The next Choir Practice sessions is 26th February at 11am at St James' Church.

Vocations Enquirers Evenings: The monthly evening for Vocations are held at St Mary's Cathedral, Wednesday 6.30pm, the next is on Feb 24th. Also Deanery Vocations Reflections are being held and further details are on the poster on the noticeboard.

Parish Catechesis: The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. It is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. For those who may be interested, a Parish Catechesis module will take place on **Saturday 12th and 19th March 2016, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.** Booking for modules is essential. For further information and to book, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or at education@diocesehn.org.uk

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a **Safeguarding Advisor**, 30 hours per week, and a **Finance Assistant**, 37.5 hours per week. For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk) The closing date for applications is Monday 29 February.

Calling the Diocese to Prayer: Bishop Seamus is leading a series of Prayer Events in the Diocese. Ours will be held at St Paul's Alnwick on Tuesday 1st March from 10:30am with a 12:05pm Holy Mass and he is inviting as many as possible to attend. If you can, are you able to be there?

First Holy Communion Prayer Partners: Thanks to those who have already signed up to be prayer partners for the children Anyone else willing, please sign up at the back of church.

Thursday Lenten Discussion Groups: The next session is on Thursday 3rd March at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Helping Refugees: Medicines like Calpol, Savlon, Cough mixtures, paracetamol etc are all still urgently needed in the Dunkirk camp for refugees. If you help with this appeal, please hand to any of the SVP - Gerry, Eileen, David, Stevie or Maura.

Asylum seekers: The Diocesan Justice & Peace Team still need food for Asylum Seekers. Currently over 100 people get £5 cash and 1 bag of food each week. They would also welcome men's toiletries and any unneeded warm clothing and trainers.

West End Refugee Service: Need bedding curtains etc for the people with whom they are working.